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Applicants timely submit the present Response to the Office
Action mailed on February 27, 2002, a response to which is
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REMARKS

The Examiner has graciously renumbered claims 1-69
submitted in the Preliminary Amendment of June 23, 2000, as
claims 8-76. Claims 8-76 are currently pending and stand
rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S.
Patent No. 6,157,735 to Holub.